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SUBJECT: SECURITY ASSISTANCE: TARR- ESENBEL CONVERSATION

APRIL 20

1. TURKISH AMBASSADOR ESENBEL CALLED ON UNDER SECRETARY TARR APRIL 20 TO DISCUSS MILITARY AID LEVELS. NEA/ TUR DIRECTOR DILLON ALSO PRESENT.

2. ESENBEL MADE NOW STANDARD PITCH FOR INCREASED MAP LEVELS FOR TURKEY, AND FOR ACTION TO SHOW ADMINISTRATION WAS TRYING TO CARRY OUT PRESIDENTIAL UNDERTAKING TO RE-STORE DOLS 40 MILLION LOST IN FY-72. HE SAID HE HAD MADE SAME PRESENTATION RECENTLY TO SECDEF RICHARDSON WHO SEEMED TO AGREE THAT SOMETHING CONCRETE SHOULD BE DONE TO SHOW ATTEMPT BEING MADE TO CARRY OUT COMMITMENT. ESENBEL THOUGHT BEST THING NOW WAS TO INCLUDE DOLS 40 MILLION IN FY-74 BILL, PERHAPS SHOWING AMOUNT FOR TURKEY AS SEPARATE LINE ITEM.

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3. TARR REPLIED THAT WE WERE ACUTELY CONSCIOUS OF PROBLEM HE DESCRIBED. WE WERE UNABLE TO REQUEST SUPPLEMENTAL IN FY-72, AND THERE HAD BEEN NO BILL IN FY-73. THE WHITE HOUSE WAS NOW MAKING FINAL DECISIONS ABOUT FY-74 BILL AND PRESIDENT' S POSITION ON BILL WOULD BE ANNOUNCED SOON. TARR DID NOT KNOW WHAT 74 BILL WOULD FINALLY LOOK LIKE, BUT DOUBTED ADMINISTRATION WOULD GET ANY MORE IN 74

THAN 73. LONG RANGE PROSPECTS WERE ALSO BLEAK. FULBRIGHT BILL ON WHICH HEARINGS WOULD OPEN MAY 1 HAD 50 PERCENT DEPOSIT REQUIREMENT AND CALLED FOR COMPLETE PHASEOUT OF MAP AFTER TWO YEARS. TARR BELIEVED THIS EXTREME, BUT IT WAS EXAMPLE OF TEMPER OF CONGRESS. IN ANY EVENT, GOT MUST LOOK FOR SMALLER AMOUNTS OF MAP IN FUTURE THAN IN PAST, ALTHOUGH TURKISH PROGRAM WOULD BE VERY IMPORTANT AS LONG AS WE HAD MAP GRANT. FURTHERMORE HE DID NOT THINK SEPARATE LINE ITEM FOR TURKEY WOULD BE PRACTICAL.

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